

Welcome to the Vance minute. I'm Joe B. Wiles with the Public Affairs Office...

A Ghost rider with the 71st Operations Support Squadron was named Airman of the Month for July last week when the wing commander and command chief paid a visit to the control tower.

Senior Airman Wesley Ritchie, a tower controller from Crestview, Florida, was surprised to find out he was selected for the honor.

His supervisor called Airman Ritchie in early under the pretense of testing for an airfield driver's license. Instead, he was met by Col. Clark Quinn, the 71st Flying Training Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Peter Speen, the wing command chief.

Colonel Quinn congratulated Ritchie on his selection and thanked him for doing an excellent job.

Airman Ritchie will be the first Airman of the Month to spend a day shadowing the command chief, getting an up-close look at how the base's senior enlisted man serves Team Vance's Airmen.

Airman Ritchie says Vance is a good assignment. "Enid is a great place to raise a family, he said.

That's your Vance Minute...have a great Air Force day.